

COA Meeting Notes

August 19, 2020

In-person outdoor meeting held at Senior Center bocce court. Peg called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Members present: Peg Nogueira, Earl Pearlman, Diane Howell, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Jenn Talamini and Carol Kotros were absent.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. It was noted that a new Building Account was opened in memory of Sharon Cutler to receive memorial donations. Sharon was a former Selectman and recipient of Senior of the Year.

Amy gave a verbal Director's report. Some highlights included: generator auto-test reset to Wednesdays; urinal was cleared of sediment by Norturno Plumbing and while he was here Amy got a quote for automatic toilet flush and automatic faucets, Peg suggested automatic lights as well; Amy will pass this on to Town Admin who is looking for suggestions for Covid-19 Cares Act Funds; the main automatic door repair is not covered by insurance, Ann suggested once Amy receives a bill to check with Select Board to see if it can be covered under Emergency Funds; back-up alarm on van was fixed; broken lock on storage closet was repaired and a lock was added to upstairs office door.

Old Business

Food Pantry—distribution went well yesterday, Aug 18. Fresh produce received from sheriff's dept was included in the boxes. Dan Byer brought 40 more cases of H2O for the food pantry. On July 22 Farmer's Market coupons were distributed by Tri-Valley site coordinator, Lisa Loo, outside the center by pre-appointment.

ABMI Cable Update—Jenn continues to seek out topics; no start date set yet as videographer was out sick.

Volunteer Appreciation—alternative idea: right before Amy went on vacation, she was contacted by a Mendon resident who would like to support Subway with a \$1000 donation to help Mendon seniors and townspeople in some way. Amy is waiting to hear back from him on the idea of a box lunch pick-up for Senior Center volunteers. If we do this, Morrison Drive was okayed by police/fire depts. Volunteers would receive an invitation to which they would have

to reply. Those attending will receive a thank you letter and a multi-functional implement along with their lunch.

30th Anniversary—John Trainor is working on a video; Amy assisted him by providing numerous photos, descriptions and additional contacts for the project; since it is questionable if we can hold this event, Earl suggested we tie it in with ABMI programming along with a color brochure with pictures and information about the senior center.

Mission/Vision Statement—tabled until all members are present.

Senior of the Year—Amy spoke with Lions Club President, Mark Buccino, to find out what the Lions want to do since this is their event. Mark said they are meeting next week and he will get back to her. Amy also told him Sept 27 works for Wayne Phipps but not Sept 20.

Reopening Considerations—happening very slowly, possibly by appointment some time after Labor Day. Amy is asking Town Admin about having one volunteer at a time to help with food pantry as she and Janet's time spent is getting maxed out and they need help.

No New Business

Open Forum

Ann asked about Senior Tax Abatement Program. Amy is waiting to hear from Town Admin and Treasurer as to what information she should include in the letter that goes out for verification of hours worked fiscal year ending June 30.

Meeting adjourned 11:45am. Next meeting September 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary